



## **EAST PROVIDENCE PREVENTION COALITION**

December 8, 2014

Minutes Taken By: Pam Bird, Secretary

### **Attendance:**

Laura Levine	Mark Gee
Courtney Lacerda	Pam Bird
Jennifer Wall	Scott Rose
Britney Dias	Deb Shaw
Sgt. John Andrews	Officer Doug Borden
Catherine Legault	Elmer Pina
Katie Saraiva	Susan Dunnington
Julie Silva	Elizabeth Cabral
John Janda	Donna Canale

### **1) Introductory Remarks: Courtney Lacerda**

#### **a) Call meeting to order**

- 6:05 by Chair Courtney Lacerda

#### **b) Welcoming & Introductions**

- Around the table introductions
- New Introductions
  - Susan Dunnington - EP Resident
  - Elizabeth Cabral - Bridgewater State University
  - Katie Saraiva - Former EPPC Board Officer & Member
  - Julie Silva – Red Bridge Neighborhood Association

#### **c) Announcements**

- Birthday Acknowledgements- John (Nov 8), Catherine/Britney/Mark (Nov 14), Laura (Dec 12)
- Annual Joe Silva Memorial Toy Drive - Julie Silva was present and explained the origin of the toy drive. Collecting toys through December 16<sup>th</sup>. Collected toys from board members.
- Community Food Drive explained by Pam Bird- food was collected.
- Congratulated Mark Gee as newly elected East Greenwich State Senator
- Congratulated Pam Bird for becoming ordained as the Assistant Executive Pastor at Trinity Tabernacle Church.

2) **Secretary's Report:** *Pam Bird*

a) Sign In Sheet

- Passed around sign in sheet and asked members to update accordingly.

b) October Minutes

- Reviewed October minutes. Asked if there were any questions. Catherine Legault stated she was in attendance at the October meeting. Elmer moved to accept the October minutes with a revision of adding Catherine Legault to the attendance. Doug seconded it. All were in favor, no one was opposed. Motion passed.

c) Conflict of Interest Policy/Interest Forms

- Went over who still owed which forms.

3). **Treasurer's Report:** *Britney Dias*

a) Updates on Grants/Proposals

- Britney read all funding updates and proposal.

b) November & December Expenditures

- Reviewed November & December expenditures. Passed around detailed document.

c) Fundraising Sub-Committee Report

- Recapped meeting with Bridgepoint Church and Josh Pezold. Catherine, Pam, Sgt. Andrews, Britney, Jen and Scott were in attendance. Main points included decision to support each other's egg hunt events but not to combine them as one event. Also agreed to collaborate on some other events such as the backpack and school supplies event.
- Fundraising sub-committee meeting was setup for immediately following the January board meeting.

3) **Programmatics:** *Jennifer Wall*

a) Prescription Drug Take Back Update

- Unit is not up due to disposal situation. Incinerating problem may be resolved by end of week. Will send out press release once this is resolved.\

b) Recap of Opiate Overdose Forum

- Attendance low with community but high with Board members. Suggestions to have snippet video on website and Facebook so the information can be marketed to the masses. Julie Silva let us know the forum was very informative. Discussion opened on deciding upon a target audience for the video. Decided it should target anyone who misuses or is addicted and their loved ones.

c) Recap of MADD Bowling Event- Courtney, Deb & Sgt. Andrews

- Ribbon Tie On's for vehicles were handed out for people to take and distribute in local communities. Board members reported that it was a good time. EPPC was well represented especially since event was held in East Providence.

d) Townie Leadership Academy Update

- EPPC just hired a new facilitator. Debriefing and introduction meeting for TLA occurring tomorrow.
- There were 60 Cohort One graduates.
- TLA has been accepted into EPHS by students, coaches, teachers and administration. Future plans of TLA include branching out to other club organizations, once all the athletes have been reached.
- EPPC has a formal partnership with 212 Health & Performance. They are doing a half hour session on nutrition that pertains specifically to athletes.

e) Assemblies

- Chris Herron, a former Boston Celtics player and Fall River graduate, spoke at EPHS on his addiction to painkillers, alcohol and other drugs. McDonald's on Newport Avenue wrote a grant and was awarded it for him to come and speak. EPPC and all TLA Cohort 1 athletes were invited to attend. He was well liked generally.
- RI Attorney General It Can Wait, anti texting and driving campaign is being set-up for Seniors in February. Will take place at EPHS.
- EPPC is attending the EPHS PTSA bi-monthly meetings. EPHS PTSA is interested in securing a Legislative Grant through Senator Daniel Da Ponte which may bring in an additional speaker.
- Bay View Academy has shown interest in furthering a collaboration with the EPPC and possibly presenting a presentation on alcohol/drunken driving and relationship violence to their students.

f) Elementary Schools Engagement

- Meeting with Colleen Holland on 1/22 to discuss the Purple Project, which is a Chris Herron spin-off. Would do some type of contest and rally in the Spring in East Providence City Hall Chambers and would launch it with Whiteknact Ave and Orlo Elementary Schools as we have done in the past. Contest would include possibly answering the question, "Why are you drug-free?" in essay, rapping, poetry, etc forms.
- Possibly expand program for middle school students next year.

4) **Other:** *Courtney Lacerda*

a) New Business - No new business.

5) **Trending Now:** *Courtney Lacerda*

- a) Prescription Drugs & Heroin - What now?
  - Join Together Article. Reviewed. Naloxone prices on the rise. Becoming popular and price increase due to supply and demand.
  - Providence Journal Article. Reviewed. Overdose Deaths Update. Article gave statistics from the health dept.
- b) EPPC October & November Newsletters
  - Will review and include copy of monthly newsletter in board members packets at board meetings.

6) **Closing Remarks:** *Courtney Lacerda*

- a) Next meeting January 12, 2015
- b) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm was made by Mark Gee and seconded by Sgt. Andrews. All were in favor. No one was opposed. Motion passed.